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THE FASTEST GUN ALIVE



All he needed was the courage to draw

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1. All Cross Creek felt shielded by, "the fastest gun alive."

2. But storekeeper George Temple was at war . . . with his own courage.



3. Until Vinnie Harald, a gunslinger with a reputation, blazed into town.

4. And George Temple had to face him, . . . to decide a town's fate.

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TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE THREE MEN, MR. MCGOVERN. APPEARS TO ME THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE WIND.

YOU'RE RIGHT, MR. SPINK. THOSE HARDCASES ARE ON THE PROD.

THREE HORSEMEN RIDE INTO THE TOWN OF SILVER SPRINGS ON A GRIM QUEST.

DRY GO

SILVER SPRINGS HOTEL

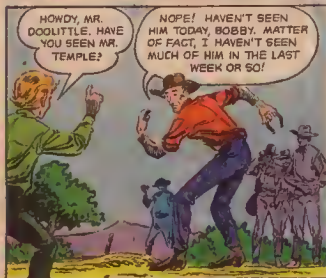
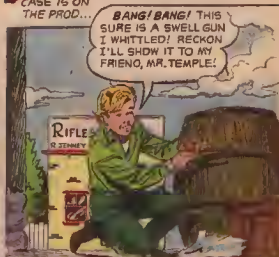
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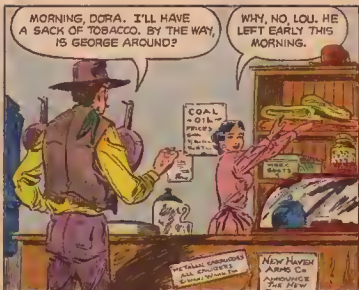
THAT SAME MORNING IN THE DISTANT TOWN OF CROSS CREEK, ANOTHER "HARDCASE IS ON THE PROD..."



THEY'RE RIGHT!
GEORGE HAS BEEN ACTING
MIGHTY PECULIAR LATELY.
MAYBE I'D BETTER
LOOK INTO THIS!

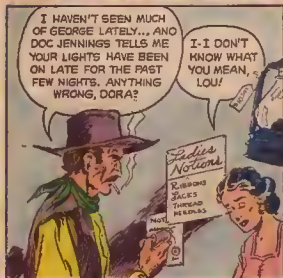
MORNING, DORA. I'LL HAVE
A SACK OF TOBACCO. BY THE WAY,
IS GEORGE AROUND?

WHY, NO, LOU. HE
LEFT EARLY THIS
MORNING.



I HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH
OF GEORGE LATELY... AND
DOC JENNINGS TELLS ME
YOUR LIGHTS HAVE BEEN
ON LATE FOR THE PAST
FEW NIGHTS. ANYTHING
WRONG, DORA?

I-I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU MEAN,
LOU!

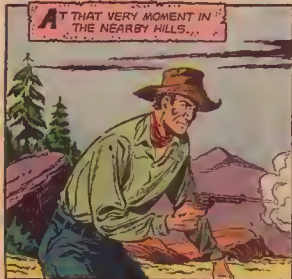


THERE'S NOTHING
WRONG WITH GEORGE,
IS THERE? AS HIS BEST
FRIEND, YOU CAN TELL
ME. IF THERE'S ANY-
THING I CAN DO--YOU
JUST SAY SO.

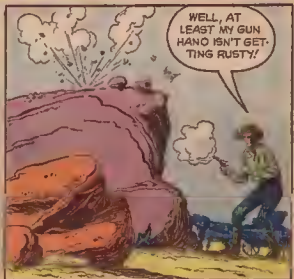
THERE'S NOTHING
WRONG, LOU. EXCUSE
ME-- I'M GOING TO
WAIT ON MRS.
FEMICK.

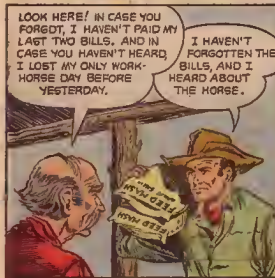


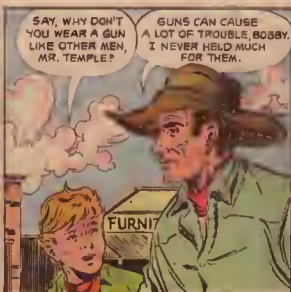
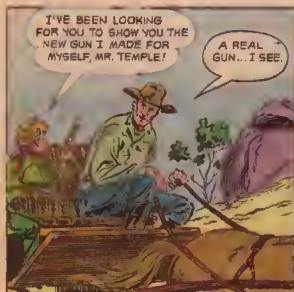
AT THAT VERY MOMENT IN
THE NEARBY HILLS...



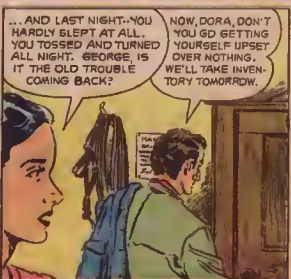
WELL, AT
LEAST MY GUN
HANO ISN'T GET-
TING RUSTY!







MOMENTS LATER, AT THE TEMPLE STORE...





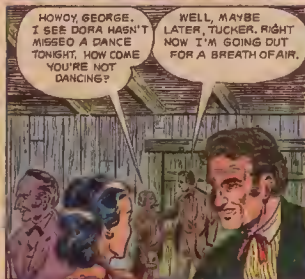
THE GUN... SHE NEVER SUSPECTED I HAD IT WRAPPED IN THIS COAT. I'O BETTER HIDE IT NOW. SHE MUSTN'T EVER KNOW.



BUT GEORGE TEMPLE GROWS MORE TENSE AND TROUBLED. THAT NIGHT, AT A DANCE...

HOW ABOUT THIS DANCE WITH ME, GEORGE?

NOT RIGHT NOW JANE... IF YOU DON'T MIND.



HOWDY, GEORGE. I SEE DORA HASN'T MISSED A DANCE TONIGHT. HOW COME YOU'RE NOT DANCING?

WELL, MAYBE LATER, TUCKER. RIGHT NOW I'M GOING OUT FOR A BREATH OF AIR.



BUT DORA FOLLOWS HIM INTO THE NIGHT...

OH, HELLO, DORA. IT WAS SO WARM AND CROWDED IN THERE I THOUGHT I'O COME OUT TO COOL OFF!

NO, GEORGE, THAT'S NOT IT. SOMETHING'S EATING YOU UP INSIDE, ISN'T IT? I'VE SEEN IT COMING FOR WEEKS!



YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS, DORA.

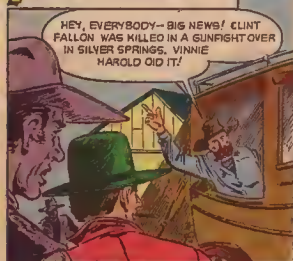
NO. I'VE SEEN THE SAME SIGNS BEFORE--IN DODGE CITY, DEADWOOD, CHEYENNE. THOSE IRRITABLE MOODS, THE RECKLESSNESS, THE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.



WE'VE HAD A GOOD LIFE IN THIS TOWN, GEORGE. FOR FOUR YEARS WE'VE HAD A GOOD LIFE. DON'T SPOIL IT NOW. WE MAY NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE!

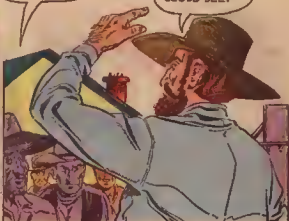
EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT, DORA. THIS TIME WON'T BE LIKE THE OTHERS. THIS TIME I'M SURE.

THE NEXT MORNING AS THE STAGE ARRIVES IN CROSS CREEK...



GOSH, MR. MCGOVERN, WHAT BROUGHT ON THE FIGHT? WHO OREW FIRST?

MEN, YOU NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT. IT HAPPENED FASTER THAN THE EYE COULD SEE!



THERE IT IS--RIGHT THERE. FALLON'S COLLAR BUTTON, POPPED RIGHT OFF THE FRONT OF HIS SHIRT. MR. SPINH HERE WILL BEAR ME OUT.

I'M A WITNESS TO IT. POPPED RIGHT OFF!



YOU MEAN YOU SAW THE WHOLE THING? HOW CLOSE WERE YOU, MR. MCGOVERN?

FIFTY FEET-- MAYBE CLOSER. FALLON WAS FAST, BUT THIS VINNIE HAROLD MUST BE ABOUT THE FASTEST GUN THERE IS!



AT THE EDGE OF THE CROWD...

HOWDY, BURT. WHAT'S THAT RUCKUS ALL ABOUT?

HOWDY, MR. TEMPLE... CLINT FALLON GOT KILLED IN A GUNFIGHT. MR. MCGOVERN IS TELLING EVERYONE ABOUT IT.



AT THE MENTION OF THE GUNFIGHT, GEORGE TEMPLE IS GRIPPED BY EMOTION...

HOPE YOUR GOODS ARE IN ONE PIECE, MR. TEMPLE. THE MAIN ROAD WAS WASHEO OUT AND THE FORK WAS MIGHTY ROUGH GOING.

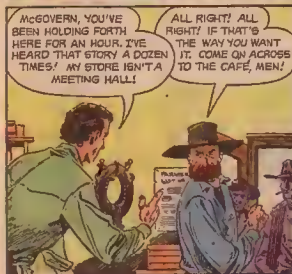
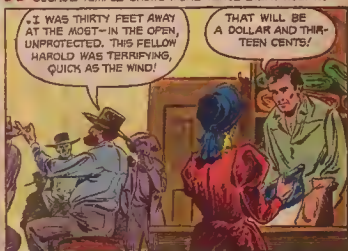
YOU'LL NEVER SEE A FASTER GUN THAN THIS VINNIE HAROLD. I KNOW. I WASN'T MORE THAN FORTY FEET AWAY!

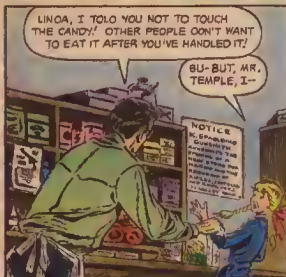


AT THAT MOMENT, GEORGE FEELS A TAP ON HIS SHOULDER...



WITH THE WHOLE TOWN TALKING ABOUT THE GUNFIGHT, GEORGE TEMPLE GROWS MORE TENSE EVERY HOUR...

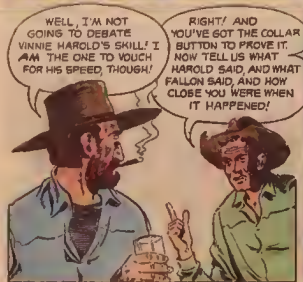
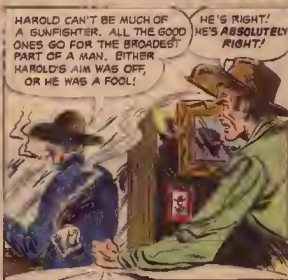
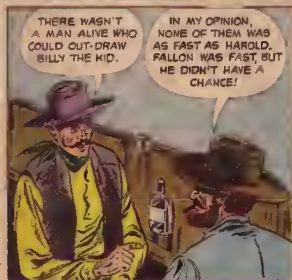



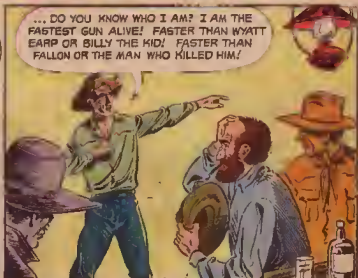
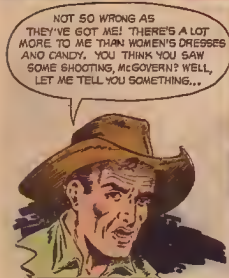


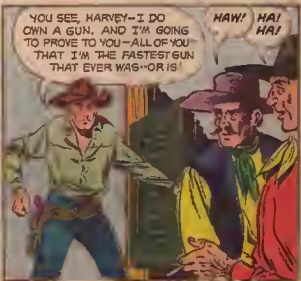
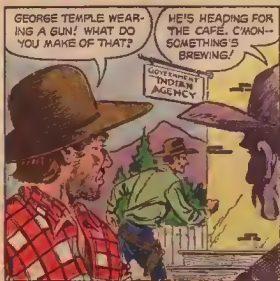
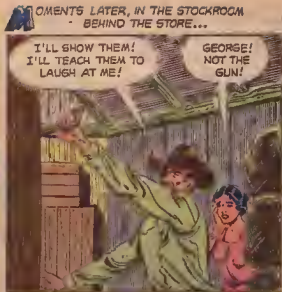
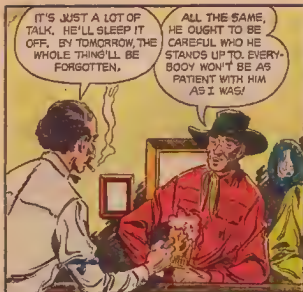


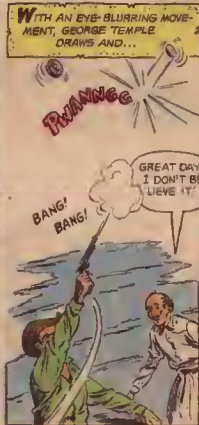
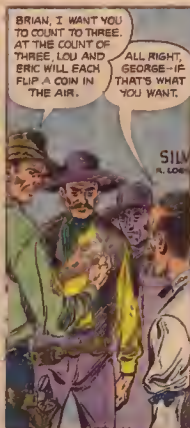
BUT THERE IS NO PEACE IN GEORGE
TEMPLE'S TORMENTED MIND...

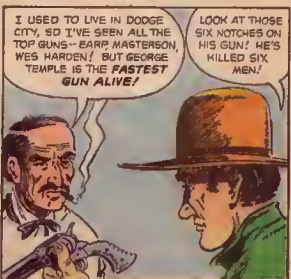
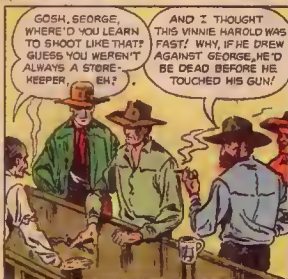
THE FASTEST GUN I EVER SAW WAS
WYATT EARP. ONCE I SAW A MAN START
TO DRAW ON HIM WHEN HIS BACK WAS
TURNED. EARP TURNED AND KILLED
HIM BEFORE HE COULD GET
HIS GUN OUT!



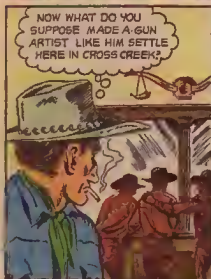
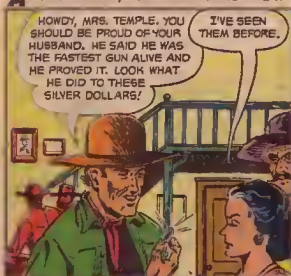




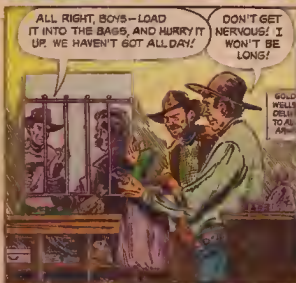


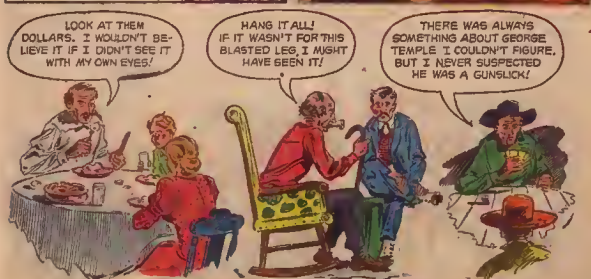
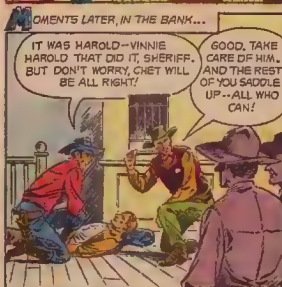


AT THAT MOMENT, DORA ENTERS THE CAFE...



AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE DISTANT TOWN OF YELLOW FORK, ANOTHER FAST GUN LEAPS FROM ITS HOLSTER...





BUT IN GEORGE TEMPLE'S HOME...

THEY WERE RIDING ME, DORA. I GOT ANGRY AND EXCITED. I GOT CARRIED AWAY... DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING.

GEORGE, THOUGH I'VE NEVER SAID IT BEFORE, IT'S BECAUSE YOUR FATHER'S DEATH IS ON YOUR CONSCIENCE...



...AND THE WAY HE DIED. THAT'S WHAT YOU CARRY FESTERING INSIDE YOU, UNTIL ONE DAY, LIKE THOSE OTHER DAYS—LIKE NOW—IT EXPLODES AND PUNISHES US BOTH!

STOP IT, DORA! STOP IT!



EVERY TIME WE FIND A PLACE TO STAY, TO LIVE--A PLACE WHERE WE CAN ACHIEVE SOMETHING, THIS HORRIBLE THING COMES OVER YOU. YOU FEEL YOU'VE GOT TO PUNISH YOURSELF!



THAT'S WHAT IT IS! YOU DIDN'T AVENGE YOUR FATHER'S DEATH, YOU LET HIM DIE AND RAN AWAY! AND UNTIL YOU REDEEM YOURSELF, YOU WON'T STOP PUNISHING YOURSELF!

THAT'S ENOUGH! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE! WE'LL LEAVE CROSS CREEK IN THE MORNING!



NO, GEORGE. IT'S DRIVEN US HALF-WAY ACROSS THE COUNTRY, BUT NOW I'M THROUGH RUNNING. I WON'T LEAVE CROSS CREEK!

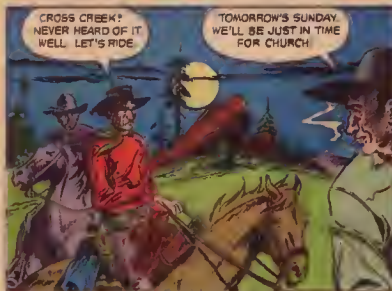


AT THAT MOMENT, OUT IN THE HILLS.

I FIGURE THAT POSSE IS A GOOD TWO HOURS BEHIND US. WE'RE GOING TO NEED FRESH HORSES

THERE'S A LITTLE TOWN CALLED CROSS CREEK TO THE SOUTH. I PASSED THROUGH IT ONCE. NOT MUCH OF A PLACE. IT'S TOO SMALL TO EVEN HAVE A SHERIFF. WE CAN GET HORSES THERE!

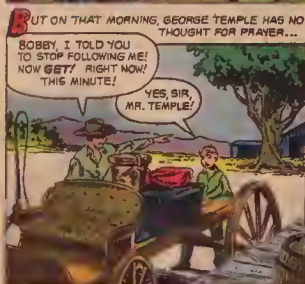




CROSS CREEK?
NEVER HEARD OF IT
WELL LET'S RIDE

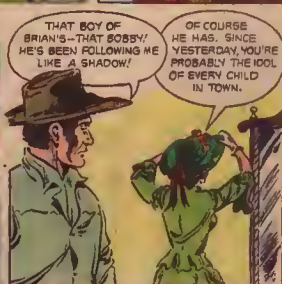
TOMORROW'S SUNDAY
WE'LL BE JUST IN TIME
FOR CHURCH

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING,
THE CHURCH BELL SUMMONS
CROSS CREEK TO PRAYER...



BUT ON THAT MORNING, GEORGE TEMPLE HAS NO
THOUGHT FOR PRAYER...
BOBBY, I TOLD YOU
TO STOP FOLLOWING ME!
NOW GET! RIGHT NOW!
THIS MINUTE!

YES, SIR,
MR. TEMPLE!



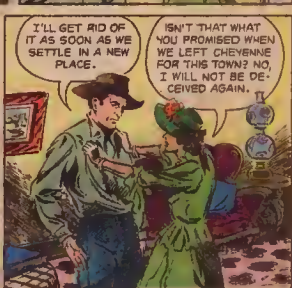
THAT BOY OF
BRIAN'S--THAT BOBBY!
HE'S BEEN FOLLOWING ME
LIKE A SHADOW!

OF COURSE
HE HAS. SINCE
YESTERDAY, YOU'RE
PROBABLY THE IDOL
OF EVERY CHILD
IN TOWN.



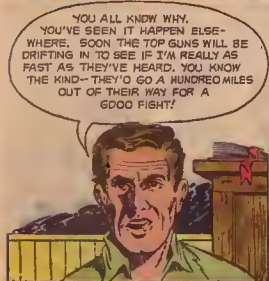
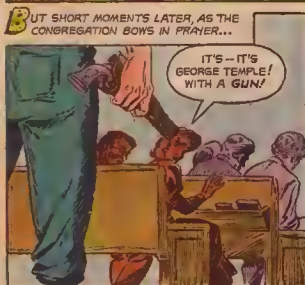
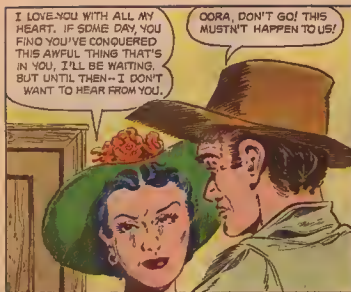
DORA, LISTEN TO
ME. THE BUCKBOARD IS
LOADED. I'M READY TO GO--
TO LEAVE CROSS CREEK.
BUT I WANT YOU TO COME
WITH ME.

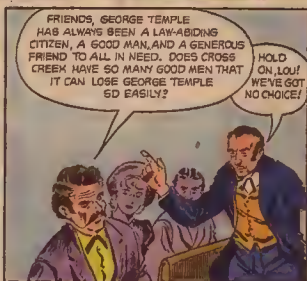
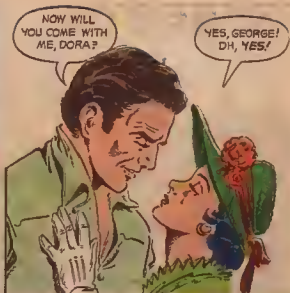
NO, GEORGE,
NOT UNLESS
YOU GET RID
OF THAT
GUN!



I'LL GET RID OF
IT AS SOON AS WE
SETTLE IN A NEW
PLACE.

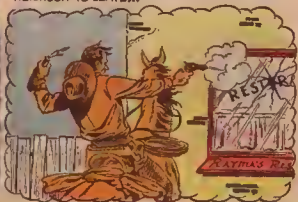
ISN'T THAT WHAT
YOU PROMISED WHEN
WE LEFT CHEYENNE
FOR THIS TOWN? NO,
I WILL NOT BE DE-
CEIVED AGAIN.

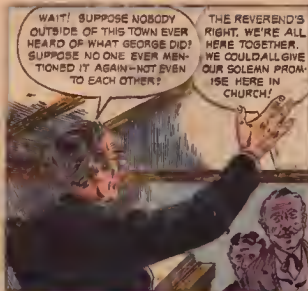




... I LIVED IN A KANSAS TOWN. ONE NIGHT, A NEIGHBOR OF MINE QUARRELED WITH A STRANGER AND ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIM. LATER THEY FOUND THE STRANGER WAS COE MANSFIELD, THE FASTEST GUN AROUND...

"WITHIN A WEEK, KILLERS STARTED DRIFTING IN TO SEE THE MAN WHO WAS FASTER THAN MANSFIELD. MY NEIGHBOR HID OUT, BUT THE GUNSLICKS KEPT COMING. THEY SHOT UP THE TOWN. IN THE END, WE HAD TO ASK OUR NEIGHBOR TO LEAVE..."



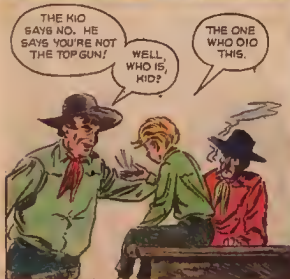
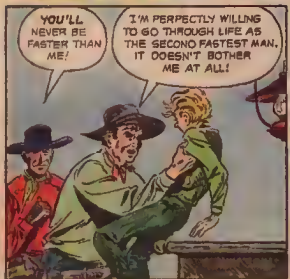
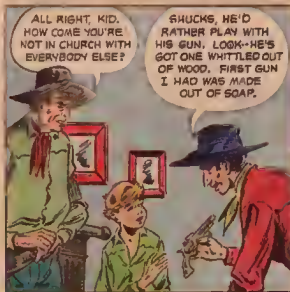


MEANWHILE, THREE GRIM RIDERS SPUR ALONG THE MAIN STREET...



BUT AT THE CAFE...

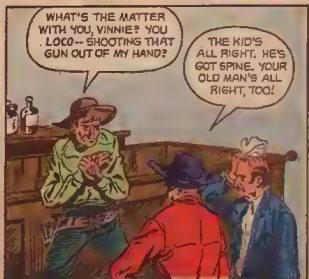
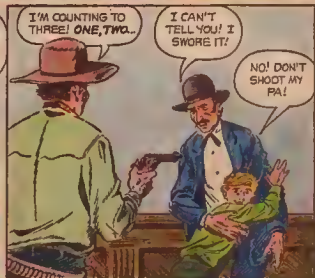
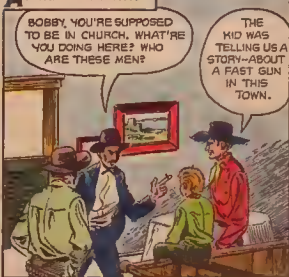




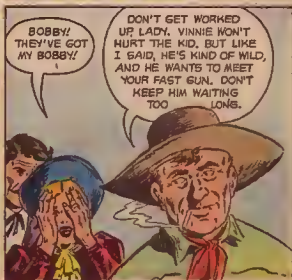
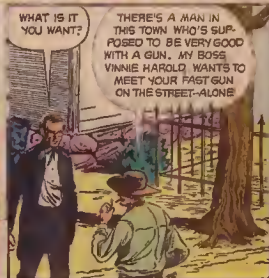
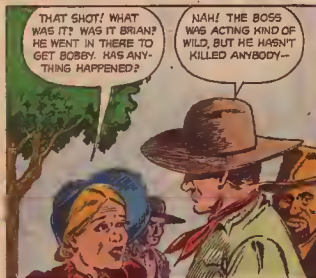
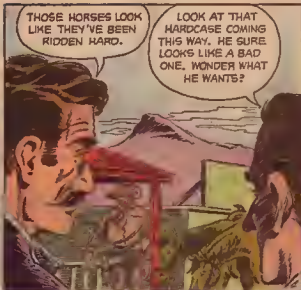
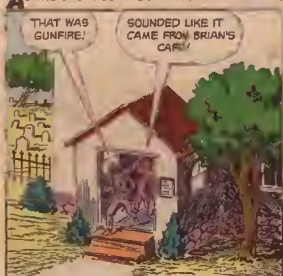
Q UICKLY, THEY COAX THE STORY FROM THE FRIGHTENED BOY. THEN...



AT THAT MOMENT...



4 AS THE SHOT RESOUNDS THROUGH THE TOWN...



I SPOKE TO THEM!
YOU'RE THE ONE THEY
WANT, GEORGE TEMPLE!
NOT MY BRIAN!



MEANWHILE, SOME MILES FROM TOWN, OUT IN THE HILLS...

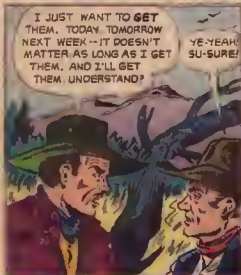
SHERIFF, I DON'T LIKE THE
WAY THIS POSSE'S BEING RUN.
I THINK WE OUGHT TO PUSH ON
A LOT FASTER AND GAMBLE
ON RUNNING HARDLO DOWN.

I DON'T
WANT TO GAMBLE,
MR. RDEBEL!



I JUST WANT TO GET
THEM. TODAY, TOMORROW
NEXT WEEK -- IT DOESN'T
MATTER AS LONG AS I GET
THEM. AND I'LL GET
THEM, UNDERSTAND?

YE-YEAH!
SU-SURE!



SAY, WHAT
GOT INTO HIM
BACK THERE?

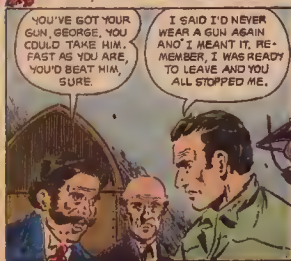
MAN ODN'T YOU KNOW
THAT WAS HIS BROTHER
VINNIE HARDLO SHOT BACK
AT THE BANK?



MEANWHILE, AT THE CROSS CREEK CHURCH...

YOU'VE GOT YOUR
GUN, GEORGE. YOU
COULD TAKE HIM.
FAST AS YOU ARE,
YOU'D BEAT HIM,
SURE.

I SAID I'D NEVER
WEAR A GUN AGAIN
AND I MEANT IT. RE-
MEMBER, I WAS READY
TO LEAVE AND YOU
ALL STOPPED ME.

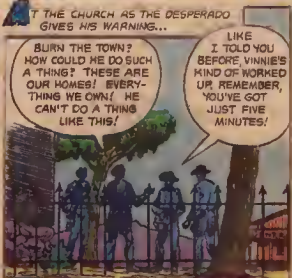
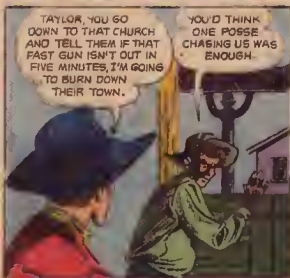
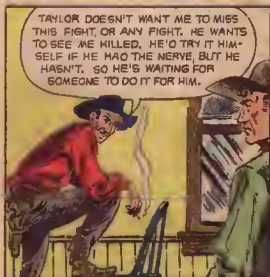


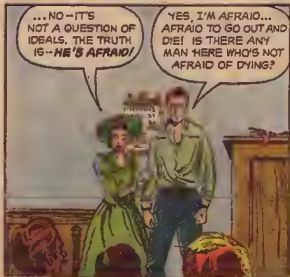
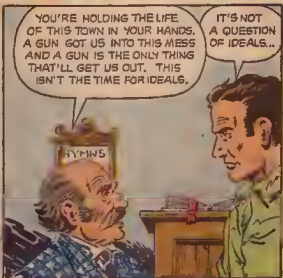
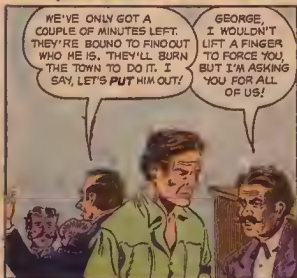
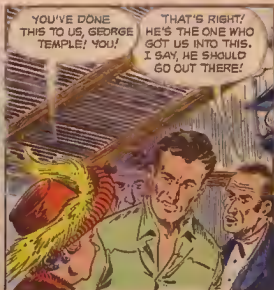
HEY, EVERYBODY--DNE
OF THOSE MEN IS COMING
FROM THE STABLE WITH
FRESH HORSES!

THAT MEANS
THEY'RE ON THE
RUN AND THEY CAN'T
STAY HERE LONG. ALL
WE HAVE TO DO IS
OUTWAIT THEM.



SOON AFTERWARD, AT THE CAFÉ...





WAIT. I THINK I CAN EXPLAIN. DID YOU EVER HEAR OF SELBY SKINNER?

WHO HASN'T? HE WAS THE SHERIFF WHO CLEANED UP ABILENE.



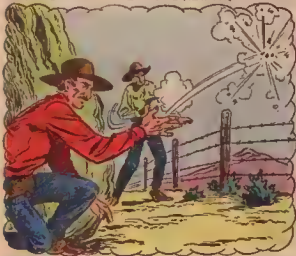
THAT GUN AND THE NOTCHES ON IT, BELONGED TO HIM. HE WAS GEORGE'S FATHER.

YES, I'M SELBY SKINNER, JUNIOR. MY FATHER TAUGHT ME ALL ABOUT GUNS-- TAUGHT ME UNTIL I WAS FASTER THAN HE WAS. BUT THERE WAS ONE THING HE COULDN'T TEACH ME. I NEVER COULD DRAW AGAINST A MAN.



"... I HATE GUNS. I ALWAYS HATED THEM, EVEN WHEN HE WAS TEACHING ME, BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID. MY FATHER SAID I COULD RUN, BUT THE SKINNER NAME HAD TO REMAIN.

"AND SO ONE DAY HE FOUGHT AND WAS KILLED. AND I RAN AWAY! I COULDN'T FIGHT MY OWN FATHER'S KILLER. I'VE BEEN RUNNING EVER SINCE. **I JUST CAN'T FIGHT!**"



LOU! ONE OF THEM'S LIGHTING A TORCH! ISN'T THERE SOMETHING WE CAN DO?

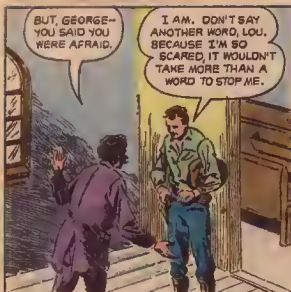
THERE IS. I'M GOING TO PUT ON GEORGE'S GUN AND GO OUT THERE!



I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR GEORGE STAYING. I WAS THE ONE WHO FORCED IT.

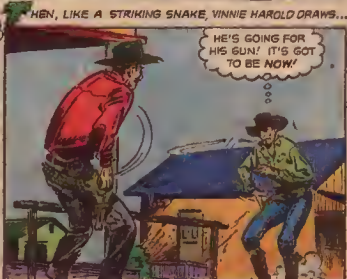
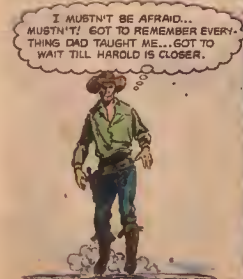
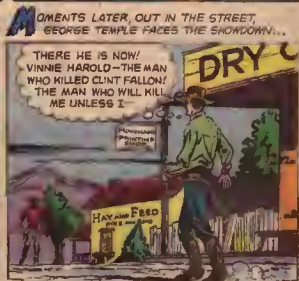
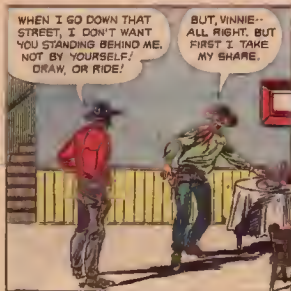
NO! I'LL TAKE MY OWN GUN, LOU!



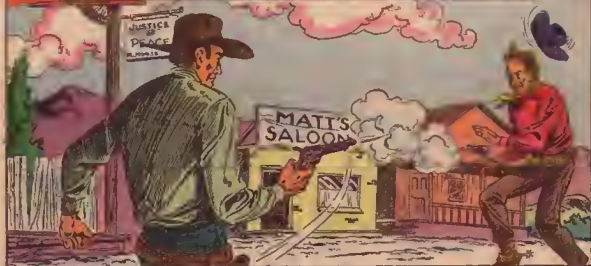


AT THAT MOMENT, THE THUNDER OF HOOPS
ECHOES THROUGH THE TOWN...





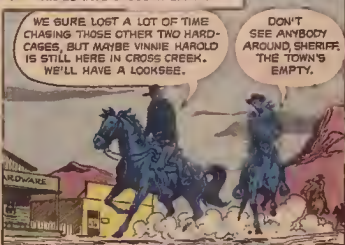
WITH THE SPEED OF PRAIRIE LIGHTNING, GEORGE TEMPLE MAKES HIS PLAY...



AND AS THE TOWN ROCKS TO THE ROAR OF GUNFIRE, DORA TEMPLE TREMBLES IN FEAR...



FOURS LATER, A TIRED POSSE RIDES INTO CROSS CREEK...





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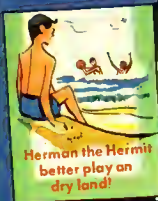
"Play it smart - PLAY SAFE when you go swimming"

by Bill Wisdom



Cramps are
nothing to fool
with, sa...

"DON'T SWIM AFTER
EATING A BIG MEAL.
WHEN THE
WATER IS
COLD, BE
SURE TO
'EASE' IN."



Herman the Hermit
better play on
dry land!

"USE THE 'BUDDY' SYSTEM.
HE WATCHES OUT FOR YOU,
YOU FOR HIM. BE SURE A
ROPE, BOAT, LIFE PRESERVER,
OR LIFEGUARD IS HANDY."



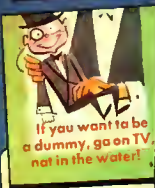
Same water is for
the 'fishes' only!
(Don't be one)

"HERE'S A FINE, SAFE
PLACE TO SWIM, FELLAS.
IT'S SMART TO KEEP OUT OF
FAST CURRENTS, STAGNANT
WATER AND UNDERTOW."



Only a
Klunk-head
would do this!

"ALWAYS CHECK WATER WITH
A LONG POLE BEFORE DIVING,
TO KNOW THE DEPTH, AND
FIND ANY HIDDEN ROCKS
OR LOGS."



If you want to be
a dummy, ga on TV
not in the water!

"IT'S NOT FUNNY TO DUCK OR
ROUGH-HOUSE ANYONE IN THE
WATER. AN UNEXPECTED
SWALLOW OF WATER
CAN CHOKE A
PERSON AND MAKE
HIM HELPLESS."



Anyone's 'all wet'
wha doesn't get
dry fast!

"GETTING SICK IS NO FUN!
USE A TOWEL BEFORE LYING
IN THE SUN, AND CHANGE TO
WARM, DRY CLOTHES WHEN
YOU'RE COLD OR TIRED. THAT'S
THE WAY TO STAY WELL AND
GET IN ON ALL THE FUN!"



PLAY THIS SMART, TOO! Remind your Mom that
JUICY FRUIT GUM is a healthful treat
that won't spoil your appetite. Tell her to
get some and keep plenty on hand.

